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For : LIGHT SOURCE APPARATUS FOR ENDOSCOPE

COVER LETTER REGARDING EXECUTED APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned points out that the executed application being filed herewith includes pages 1 - 3 of the executed declaration which were forwarded to the undersigned by facsimile by Applicant's Japanese representative on February 13, 2004, and pages 1 - 27 of the specification (with Figures 1 - 9) which were earlier forwarded to the undersigned by facsimile by Applicant's Japanese representative on February 10 and February 12, 2004. Further, the undersigned has been advised by the Japanese representative that the inventor had reviewed the application before executing the declaration.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is properly executed and should be considered as filed in executed form. However, if the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that the present application is not properly executed,

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Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be treated as an unexecuted application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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